GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL WATERWAY FROM ALLAHABAD TO HALDIA
AKHILESH SINGH

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the scheme for making the stretch of the Ganga River from Allahabad utpo Haldia as National Waterway was started;

(b) the amount spent thereon; and

(c) by when the work on the said National Waterway is likely to be completed and the estimated amount to be incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

(a) The river Ganga from Allahabad to Haldia was declared as National Waterway through Inland Waterways Authority of India Act 1985 by amending National Waterway (Allahabad- Haldia stretch of the Ganga Bhagirathi Hooghly river) Act 1982 (49 of 82).

(b) The amount spent out on development and maintenance of National Waterway no. 1 from 1986-87 to 2001-02 is of the order of Rs 96 Crores.

(c) The development of inland waterways, particularly the big alluvial river like Ganga which carries huge quantity of sediment is a continuous process and therefore, improvement works on such waterways will have to be carried out regularly on year to year basis.